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In re the application of  
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Art Unit: 2663

Serial No. 09/954,507

Docket No. CISCPO41C1

Filed: September 12, 2001

March 1, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR MAINTAINING CONNECTION STATE  
BETWEEN A CONNECTION MANAGER  
AND A FAILOVER DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  
The fee has been calculated as shown below.

Claims			Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For			RATE FEE	OR	RATE FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS _____ - _____				X9 = \$	OR	X18 = \$	
INDEP CLAIMS _____ - _____				X42 = \$	OR	X84 = \$	
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$140		\$280	
TOTAL				\$ _____		\$ 0	

☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond  
to the outstanding Office Action.



Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No: 50-0685.



Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.



If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required during the pendency of the subject application, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0685 ( CISC041C1).

Respectfully submitted,  
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